

## Alternative series and Stokes' transformation

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original function decomposition:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{l}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{l}\right)\}$$

derivative of original function decomposition:

$$f'(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{a_n \left(-\frac{n\pi}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{l}\right) + b_n \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{l}\right)\} = \frac{1}{2}a'_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{a'_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{l}\right) + b'_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{l}\right)\}$$

where  $J_k$  is the jump value at  $t_k$  for the function  $f(t)$ .

relation of  $a_n, b_n, a'_n$  and  $b'_n$ :

$$a_n = -\frac{1}{n\pi} \sum_{k=1}^m J_k \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t_k}{l}\right) - \frac{l}{n\pi} b'_n, \quad n \neq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n\pi} \sum_{k=1}^m J_k \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t_k}{l}\right) + \frac{l}{n\pi} a'_n, \quad n \neq 0 \quad (2)$$

Termwise differentiation is only permissible if  $J_k$  is zero.

Stokes' transformation:

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} p, & x = 0 \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x/l), & 0 < x < l \\ q, & x = l \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Assume

$$u'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a'_n \cos(n\pi x/l), \quad 0 \leq x \leq l \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a'_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l u'(x) \cos(n\pi x/l) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{l} [u(x) \cos(n\pi x/l)]_0^l + \frac{2n\pi}{l^2} \int_0^l u(x) \sin(n\pi x/l) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{l} [(-1)^n q - p] + n\pi b_n / l, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

and as  $n = 0$ ,

$$a'_0 = \frac{-1}{l} [p - q] \quad (6)$$

Defining

$$r_n \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{-1}{l} [p - q], & n = 0 \\ \frac{2}{l} [(-1)^n q - p], & n = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

we have

$$a'_n = r_n + n\pi b_n / l, \quad n \geq 0 \quad (8)$$

Proof:

$$J_0 = 2p, \text{ at } x = 0$$

$$J_l = 2q, \text{ at } x = -l$$